

W. W. GWINN.

W. W. Gwinn, who for the past four years has capably and acceptably filled the office of steward of the Poweshiek county farm, is one of Iowa's native sons, almost his entire life having been spent within the borders of Poweshiek county. His birth occurred near Victor, Warren township, this county, on the 9th of December, 1859, his parents being Sampson C. and Sarah A. (Morgan) Gwinn. They were born in Holmes county, Ohio, and Pennsylvania respectively and in childhood were brought by their parents to Poweshiek county, Iowa. Sampson C. Gwinn was the son of John Gwinn, a native of Ohio, who came to Iowa in 1848, about the same time that the Talbott, Manatt and Snook families located here, and with them was numbered among the first settlers of his section of the county. He entered large tracts of land here and gave farms to all of his children, his family consisting of six sons and six daughters, all now deceased. His death occurred in Warren township. Several years after coming to this county with his parents Sampson C. Gwinn entered land from the government here, which property is still in possession of the family. He was a farmer by occupation and made his home upon one of his government claims, consisting of two hundred and twenty acres in Warren township, upon which he and his wife spent the remaining days of their lives. In their family were five children, as follows: Frank B., now deceased; Henry W., of Kansas City, Kansas; M. D., of Warren township; W. W., of this review; and May, also of Warren township.

On the old homestead in Warren township W. W. Gwinn spent the period of his boyhood and youth, and he remained with his parents until the time of his marriage, when he took up farming independently. In 1882 he went to South Dakota and there entered land from the government, proving a homestead claim, and to the improvement and cultivation of that property he devoted the succeeding five years. In 1887 he sold his farm, however, and returned to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating upon one of his father's farms. Subsequently he purchased a tract of fifty acres in Warren township, upon which he took up his abode and which is yet in his possession. That farm remained his home for about twenty years, and there he carried on general agricultural pursuits, giving his entire time and attention to the development of his property, which under his wise management and close application became one of the neat, attractive and desirable farms of that section. In 1907, however, he laid aside his personal interests to accept the position of steward of Poweshiek county farm, to which he had been appointed by the board of supervisors. He has since concentrated his energies upon the discharge of the duties of that office and is bringing to

bear the same close application, business ability and common sense which characterized his conduct of his private affairs. His interests are now thoroughly identified with those of the institution with which he is connected and the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he is managing its affairs is proving to all concerned that the choice for that office was a wise one.

On the 21st of August, 1879, Mr. Gwinn was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Price, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, and was called from this life on the 25th of May, 1904. At her death she left four children, as follows: Eva M., now the wife of Edgar Hicks, of Fort Collins, Colorado; Edna M., who married Charles Rohrer, of Victor, Iowa; Blanche, the wife of William Norton, of Hartwick, who is assisting Mr. Gwinn in the management of the county farm; and C. P., at home. On the 11th of April, 1906, Mr. Gwinn was again married, his second union being with Miss Florence Easten, a native of Poweshiek county.

Interested as all American citizens should be in the political situation of the country, Mr. Gwinn has thoroughly informed himself concerning the questions and issues of the day and gives stalwart support to the republican party. He is well known in the locality in which he has resided for almost a half century and the principles which have governed his life in business, private or public relations have ever done credit to a representative of one of the oldest and most honored names of Poweshiek county.